

TARIFF DOES NOT HURT.

Colorado Grower Says New Tariff Cannot Hurt Producer.

Our Republican friends have been telling the people for so long, these many months past, that the new tariff law was going to drive the sugar beet industry to the ranks of the has-beens, that the fellows who really know what they are talking about do not seem to bear out this statement, for in all sections where sugar beets have been raised in the past the growers are this spring putting in as large or larger crops than usual.

Mr. George Yost, a large stockman and sugar beet grower of Loveland, Colo., was in Kansas City last week with a shipment of stock and in an interview with a reporter for the Kansas City Star stated that in his immediate vicinity 16,000 acres would this year be planted to sugar beets fully as large an acreage as was ever grown before. His shipment of cattle to the Kansas City markets included three car loads of steers that sold for \$8.35 per hundred and one car load that brought \$7.75, and all of them had been fed and fattened on beet tops and beet pulps, which would tend to indicate that the growing of sugar beets was a most profitable industry even for stock raising alone. A

part of Mr. Yost's interview was as follows:

"Beet raising is a great industry in my part of the state. It carries so many side lines that it cannot fail. Both cattle and sheep are fattened on the beet pulp—the refuse left after the sugar is extracted—and the beet tops. Last winter I fattened 2,600 lambs and 330 head of sheep."

This would tend to indicate that still another puncture has been made in the Republican gas bag, and unless something is done most awful quick to cover over these leaks there is going to be nothing left of the dear old G. O. P. to holler about. When the new tariff law was first passed they said that it was going to ruin the Kansas farmer for all of the wheat would be shipped into the United States from Canada. However, as the markets in that country have always averaged higher than in the United States they soon saw that this line of talk would not do.

Then they said that the shipments of cattle from South America would put the Kansas stockmen out of business, but as cattle have been higher in Kansas City and on other markets this winter and spring than for a long time, this line of argument was also abandoned in short order.

Then the statement was made that

the sugar beet industry had been put to the bad by the new Democratic tariff, but this story is being refuted by the beet growers themselves. Just what will come next is hard to figure out. Some weeks ago the Republican politicians were feeling good over the seeming drought, for they figured that they would then have something real to lay up against the Democrats, but the good Lord sent the rains in time and now their last chance for a subject to argue on has been taken away and their condition is a most deplorable one. They have been so used to charging the droughts, grasshoppers and other pestilences at the door of the Democratic party that it certainly must be most galling to not be able to find a single thing about which they can make a kick with any show of getting away without having their bluff called, but they can be counted on to spring some more of their ghost stories before the campaign gets warmed up in good shape. However, the system is getting out, and losing its effect. The people are no longer being frightened by the "bogey" man, but are beginning to figure things out for themselves and take the statements of the Republican press with a considerable amount of salt, and the results have naturally been disastrous to the Republican party.

MARKET REPORT.

Kansas City Stock Yards, May 11. —It was a steady cattle market last week except on heavy fed steers, which lost 10 to 15 cents. Better fills offset the decline on those that sold lower, and increased net returns on such cattle as remained steady. Veal calves advanced 25 to 50 cents. The supply today is 8,000 head, including 31 cars in the quarantine division, and the market is steady on the bulk of the offerings, a few steer sales 10 lower. Light native steers sold at \$9.00 today, bulk of the natives, \$7.60 to \$8.60. The Gebhardt Colorados brought \$8.70 and the Riley Colorados \$8.75, today, same price in each instance as a week ago. The Karsch steers from the Longmont field brought \$8.40. Warm up Texas and Oklahoma steers brought \$7.15 to \$7.75 in the quarantine division today, some heifers \$7.50, cows \$6.25. Cows and heifers in the native division are unchanged, though on a more shaky basis, particularly middle grade heifers. Some of the Salt heifers, from northern Kansas, had an offer of \$8.60 here last Tuesday, which could not be secured later in the day, so the heifers were sent to St. Louis, where they sold at \$8.40. Stockers have been selling up to \$8.50, feeders \$8.10, with few cattle under \$7.25. Stockers and feeders are called at today, but astute traders can see a break coming and predict 75 cents lower prices within ten days. The fat cattle outlook lacks bloom, chiefly account of industrial inactivities, though supply figures are bullish. Commission advice to shippers is to unload heavy cattle, but to make yearlings good.

Hogs regained 15 to 20 cents last week, but another decline was inaugurated late in the week, which is continued today, market 10 to 15 lower. A long string of hogs sold at the top today, \$8.32 1-2, and everything sold within the narrow range of \$8.15 to \$8.32 1-2. Packers are a resolute pack of bears, and display no animation after they have secured enough hogs to supply fresh meat trade. They claim the proudest is not moving despite the recent breaks, and it will require reduced retail prices to start it, if it is to move this month. Necessary summer and fall stocking up will move the stuff later, but in the meantime it is a burdensome load.

Sheep and lambs advanced 50 cents last week, on light receipts. A good run of 18,000 head arrived today, largely Texas stock. Spring lambs and fed Colorados are steady today, all selling together at \$8.40 to \$8.75, but Texas muttons are 10 to 15 lower though active, wethers at \$5.45 to \$5.75, ewes and wethers \$5.10 to \$5.35, yearlings \$5.75 to \$6.20, goats \$3.50 to \$4.25.

J. A. RICKART,
Market Correspondent.

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HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS EXAMINATION.

An error in last week's announcement gave the date for the High School Credits Examination May 22 and 23. It should have been May 15 and 16.

JENNIE B. MOMYER,
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